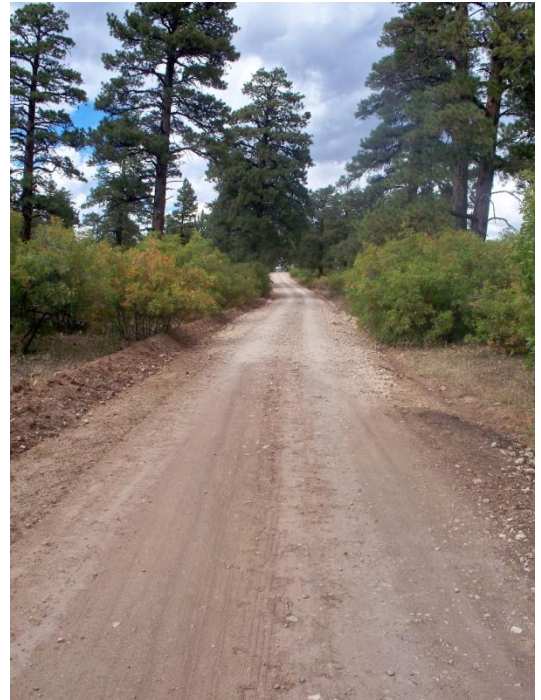


Motorized Access on the Dolores Ranger District

The vast majority of U.S. Forest Service system roads on the Dolores Ranger District will remain open under the new travel management plans. (System roads are those which were constructed by the Forest Service and carry a number designation on maps.)

The Dolores Public Lands Office is working on three travel management plans at this point - implementation of the Mancos-Cortez plan decision, management of the existing Rico-West Dolores road system, and conducting an environmental analysis for the proposed system for the Boggy-Glade area. Together these efforts offer:

- 786 miles of Forest Service Roads open to motorized use by the general public, including:
 - 359 miles in the Boggy-Glade area
 - 195 miles in the Rico-West Dolores area
 - 232 miles in Mancos-Cortez area
- 135 miles of trails and road segments, designed for use by ATVs, including:
 - 68 miles in the Boggy-Glade area
 - 19 miles in the Rico-West Dolores area
 - 47 miles in the Mancos-Cortez area



Current proposals include ATV and UTV riding opportunities on all open Forest Service roads, except for the Dolores Norwood Road and West Mancos Road up to Transfer Campground, which receive heavy traffic and are would be closed to ATVs/UTVs for safety reasons.

What routes are proposed for decommissioning and closure to motorized use?



In the Mancos-Cortez and Rico-West Dolores areas, few miles, if any, open and maintained USFS system roads are proposed for decommissioning and re-vegetation. Old temporary logging roads and user-created routes are the most likely candidates for decommissioning and re-vegetation. It is difficult to accurately estimate the total miles of these unofficial routes, because the USFS does not maintain these primitive routes as roads or keep an inventory of their locations.

In the Boggy-Glade area, an estimated 700 miles of unauthorized motorized routes currently criss-cross the National Forest in a virtual spider-web pattern.

Here, even some of the maintained USFS system roads are proposed for decommissioning and re-vegetation. Approximately 62 miles would be closed, because they offer redundant access to the same areas. In addition, 93 miles of roads, currently limited to agency use, are no longer needed for administrative purposes and are proposed for decommissioning and re-vegetation.